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In re Application of	:	
Andrey Rzhetsky et al.	:	
Application No. 10/073,463	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 11, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No. AP34006	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 13, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, November 20, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 21, 2008.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$525.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on June 13, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credit to petitioner's deposit account.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$770.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as

constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts. However, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at (571) 272-4584.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1631 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.



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